

FIRST SCIENTIFIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

The first annual scientific bibliography in the United States was compiled by Dr. Charles Girard and published by the Smithsonian Institution in 1851. It is entitled "American Zoological, Botanical and Geological Bibliography for the Year 1851". Of its sixty-five pages, fifteen are devoted to entomology. Dr. Girard was a physician who published principally on herpetology, ichthyology and helminthology. At one time he was an assistant to Professor Agassiz, and to Professor Baird at the Smithsonian Institution.—H. B. W.

ENTOMOLOGY DEFINED IN 1835

"Entomology is that branch of natural science which treats of the history and habits of the insect tribes. Its subjects are the most numerous and diversified of any of those topics which engage the attention of the student of nature; and as they exemplify in a most surprising and admirable manner, both by their structure and instincts, the wisdom of the author and creator of all things, and form a highly interesting department of human knowledge, we deem their elucidation deserving of a lengthened dissertation." This definition of entomology is from the seventh edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 1835 and was written by James Wilson.—H. B. W.